THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) As per the existing rules, a Government servant is permitted to prefix/suffix holidays which fall immediately preceding the day on which he proceeds on leave or immediately following the day on which his leave expires. Holidays, Saturdays and Sundays falling within the leave period are counted as part of leave.

(b) The information is being ascertained through Bureau of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance.

(c) There is no proposal for making any amendments to the existing provisions of the Leave Rules in this regard. A Government servant on earned leave is treated as not on duty from the day he proceeds on such leave till he resumes duty after the expiry of leave. In view of this, holidays Saturdays and Sundays falling within the spell of earned leave cannot be treated as duty and therefore, cannot be excluded from the entire spell of earned leave.

Statement of the Head of Pakistani Nuclear Centre on Uranium Enrichment

*435. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a note of the news circulated by the Press Trust of India on the 23rd July, 1985 that Dr. A. Q. Khan, who heads a nuclear research centre in Pakistan declared that success achieved by Pakistan in the field of enrichment of uranium had put the country in the exclusive club of seven nations ahead of India in the field of enrichment of uranium by 25 years; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT; ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Government have seen press reports regarding the statement. The claim that Pakistan is ahead of India in uranium enrichment technology cannot be commented upon as we have no means of verifying the statement. Our Scientists at BARC have kept abreast of different technologies for uranium enrichment.

Burning of factories of M|s Pure Drinks Ltd. and M|s Mohan Machines Ltd.

*436. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact hat factories of M/s Pure Drinks (New Delhi) Ltd. and M/s Mohan Machines Ltd., were attacked, looted and damaged during November, 1984 riots and FIR lodged with the police to that effect;

(b) whether any of the culprits involved were arrested in this connection; and

(c) whether there are any links of their competitors M/s Parles and their directors having hand in it?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The factory of M/s Pure Drinks Ltd. at Najafgarh Road, New Delhi was burnt and damaged during the riots in Delhi in November, 1984. A case of FIR No. 594/84 U|s 147|148|149|427|304 IPC was registered at Police Station Moti Nagar, Delhi. 19 persons were arrested and the case is pending trial in Court.

The factory of M/s Mohan Machines Ltd. at Okhla Phase-I was also attacked and damaged during the November 1984 riots in Delhi. A case FIR No 290 U|s 147|148|149|436|395 IPC was registered at Police Station Badarpur. 5 persons were arrested and the case is pending trial in Court.

(c) Government has no information about this matter.